

Both the Northwest regional and national preparedness levels dropped to 3 today. Fire growth on large fires occurred primarily on the Klondike Fire and Terwilliger Fire (Oregon), the Natchez Fire (Oregon-California), and the Crescent Mountain Fire (Washington). The Cougar Creek Fire (Oregon) showed a smoke column yesterday though no threat to the lines. The Miles and Columbus Fires have joined, and were burning in huckleberry areas utilized by the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe.

Otherwise, fires continue with mop-up, patrol and fireline repair. The changing winds and lower humidity continue to allow fires to burn available fuels, with low pressure and an extended outlook for moisture expected to moderate fire activity over the weekend.

Initial attack has been light and successful. The 12-acre Row River fire under Oregon Department of Forestry protection burned at least seven structures and a small portion of BLM land near Cottage Grove. Crews have been pulled off the line of an emerging event in central Oregon, due to winds. <https://kval.com/news/local/row-river-fire-a-lot-of-devastation-some-of-these-houses-were-just-ashes>

Burned area emergency response teams are being assembled for eight fires, and will be activated beginning today.

Smoke will continue in southwest Oregon, the Mt. Hood area, and north-central Washington. Smoke forecast for the weekend -- for Sunday, Sept 9, 1 pm: <https://tools.airfire.org/websky/v1/run/standard/PNW4km-CMAQ/2018090700/#viewer>

Fire Weather and Fire Potential

Expect a cooling and moistening trend to begin over the region today and last into next week. Some light rain will become likely for western Washington and northwestern Oregon tonight and again late Sunday as a series of cold fronts moves in from the Pacific. Westerly winds will begin to pick up, which will aid in clearing smoke. Accumulation of rain is expected to continue next week, mainly over the west side and higher elevations on the east side.

Fire danger indices are poised to begin declining this weekend and through next week as cooler wetter conditions take hold over the region. Fire indices will return to near-average levels -- not seen since early July. The risk for development of new significant fires will drop correspondingly. Accumulation of rain and cooler temperatures at higher elevations will become a factor next week for ongoing incidents due to exposure of personnel as weather elements deteriorate.

Helpful Links

- PNW Execs blog: pnwexecs.blogspot.com
- NWCC Blog: <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/>
- Oregon Smoke blog: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>
- Washington Smoke blog: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>
- 7-Day Fire Potential : <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwz/guidance/DL.pdf>
- Morning Brief: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/MORNINGBRIEF.pdf>
- Helpful Wind Map: <https://www.windy.com/744.143.-119.773.6.i:pressure>

Fire-related articles

- Air tanker to be retired Sunday. Klamath (OR) Herald and News. https://www.heraldandnews.com/news/local_news/air-tanker-to-be-retired-sunday/article_5ca98f0-9240-5c3b-8da3-9a3c9ab2517f.html
- “Senators urge wider methods to gauge drought impact from lower snowpack to wildfire activity.” KTVZ News Channel 21, Central Oregon. <https://www.ktvz.com/news/senators-urge-wider-methods-to-gauge-drought-impact/791678136>
- Out-Of-Control NorCal Wildfire Shuts Down 5 Freeway Through Weekend.” KCAL-9 CBS Los Angeles. <https://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2018/09/07/norcal-delta-fire-shuts-down-5-freeway-weekend/>
- Terwilliger firefighter injured in hit-and-run no longer in critical condition
<https://www.registerguard.com/news/20180906/terwilliger-firefighter-injured-in-hit-and-run-no-longer-in-critical-condition>
- Fire season looking to break retardant drop record
<https://ktvl.com/news/local/fire-season-looking-to-break-retardant-drop-record>

Emerging Incidents

Washington: No emerging incidents. Of note, the Snowy Mountain Fire has burned from Canada into the United States. The 500-acre spread is burning mostly DNR managed lands and is two miles away from a containment line.

Oregon: Incident 1144, on the east side of Twin Lakes, near China Hat Road and 14 miles east of Sunriver, is reported at 120-150 acres on the Deschutes National Forest. Aviation resources have been assigned. With a wind shift, initial attack resources were pulled off the line. A local type 3 team will assume command at 6 a.m. tomorrow.

California

- Interstate 5 remains closed north of Redding and south of Mt. Shasta due to the Delta Fire, currently mapped at 24,558 acres. An evacuation center has been opened in Mt. Shasta.
- Fire information: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6191/>
- Road closure information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/display.php?page=i5>

Large Incidents - Washington

Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Holman Fires: NR IMT 1, IC Turman, is managing the 49,277 acre (no IR last night) [Crescent Mountain Fire](#), the 22,511-acre [McLeod Fire](#), and the 300-acre Holman Fire, which are burning on the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. 106 homes are under Level 3 evacuations, 77 are in Level 2 and multiple others at the mouth of the Twisp River Valley remain in a Level 1.

- *Crescent Mountain:* The fire experienced limited growth yesterday, but no infrared was flown overnight. Containment 37%. Fire resources continued efforts in the Mission Peak area, including firing operations conducted by hotshot crews. The fire made a run towards Hoodoo Peak yesterday afternoon, and is not a threat at this time. Firefighters made progress on mop-up, patrol, and chipping around the northeast perimeter of the fire in the Twisp River area. Helitack crews and smokejumpers worked on hot spots detected along the fire edge near Slate Dip. Aircraft provided support to both fire suppression efforts and firing operations. More information is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6093/>
- *McLeod Fire:* Fire activity increased yesterday afternoon with advancement to the bottom of Sunshine Creek towards Lost River. Other efforts on the west side of the fire have been successful with handline development and air resource assistance. Crews continue to prepare primary line and work actively in the Sweet Grass Butte area. Suppression repair efforts also continue on the east side of the fire.

Cougar Creek/Bannock Lake: (NW Team 10, IC Lawson) The Cougar Creek fire is at 42,412 (+0) acres and 71% contained and Bannock Lake Fire is at 487 acres. Yesterday afternoon, the Cougar Creek Fire flared up on the north edge, east of the Mad River. The fire was burning back towards itself east of the Mad River and south of Jimmy Creek, and holding well. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6053/>